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OPEN TEXT S.A.,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
BOX, INC., et al.,  
Defendants.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Case No. 13-cv-04910-JD

**ORDER RE POST-TRIAL MOTIONS**

Re: Dkt. Nos. 600, 614, 615

A jury trial was held in this patent case from February 2-13, 2015, resulting in a verdict of \$4,918,661, in favor of plaintiff Open Text S.A. This order resolves the post-trial motions the parties have filed, and directs entry of judgment.

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

Plaintiff Open Text S.A. is a Luxembourg corporation, and a subsidiary of a Canadian software company called Open Text Corporation. *See* Complaint ¶¶ 6-7, Dkt. No. 1. On June 5, 2013, Open Text S.A. filed suit in the Eastern District of Virginia against Box and a Box reseller named Carahsoft, alleging infringement of twelve patents: U.S. Patent Nos. 7,062,515; 7,590,665; 8,117,152; 7,647,372; 7,975,007; 6,223,177; 6,917,962; 7,287,055; 7,299,258; 7,320,018; 7,734,694; 8,176,122. *See id.* ¶¶ 43-54. These patents fall into three families: the first three are referred to as the “File Synchronization patents”; the next two as the “Marketing Dialogue patents,” and the remainder as the “Groupware patents.”

On September 13, 2013, Open Text filed for a preliminary injunction on a subset of the asserted patent claims. *See* Dkt. No. 64. On October 18, 2013, while the motion was still pending, the court transferred the case to this district. *See* Dkt. No. 123. A judge in this district denied Open Text’s motion for a preliminary injunction on April 9, 2014, finding that defendants had raised substantial questions regarding the validity of the claims that formed the basis of the

1 preliminary injunction motion. *See Order Denying Preliminary Injunction* at 7:2-3, Dkt. Nos. 192-  
2 93.

3 Later that same month, the case -- along with a related case against a company called  
4 Alfresco involving the same patents -- was reassigned to the undersigned judge. Alfresco had  
5 previously moved to dismiss Open Text's infringement claims involving the Marketing Dialogue  
6 patents on the basis that the asserted claims in that family were directed to patent-ineligible subject  
7 matter and therefore invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 101. *See Dkt. No. 35* in Case No. 3:13-cv-04843-  
8 JD. On September 19, 2014, the Court granted the motion. *See Dkt. No. 204* in Case No. 3:13-  
9 cv-04843-JD. Not long afterwards, Open Text and Alfresco reached a settlement, and on October  
10 3, 2014, the Court granted Open Text's motion to dismiss its claims against Alfresco with  
11 prejudice. *See Dkt. No. 225* in Case No. 3:13-cv-04843-JD.

12 This case proceeded quickly to trial. On November 21, 2014, the Court held a *Markman*  
13 hearing, and issued a claim construction order on December 1, 2014. *See Dkt. Nos. 289, 294*. On  
14 January 20, 2015, the Court granted a motion for judgment on the pleadings, finding that the  
15 asserted claims of the Groupware patents were, like the Marketing Dialogue patents, invalid under  
16 35 U.S.C. § 101, leaving only the File Synchronization patents in the case. *See Dkt. No. 454*. On  
17 January 23, 2015, the Court excluded the opinions of Open Text's damages expert, Krista Holt.  
18 *See Dkt. No. 464*. (Open Text was allowed to attempt to prove damages through non-expert  
19 testimony.) On January 28, 2015, the Court issued a supplemental claim construction order to  
20 address a dispute that had developed between the parties regarding the proper construction of  
21 "database." *See Dkt. No. 480*. On January 29, 2015, the Court granted in part a motion to exclude  
22 opinions by defendants' technical expert, Srinivasan Jagannathan. *See Dkt. No. 487* at 10:13-  
23 11:23. On January 30, the Court granted partial summary judgment in Open Text's favor, holding  
24 that the TreeComp 3.6 reference was not prior art. *See Dkt. No. 494*. On February 4, 2015, the  
25 Court granted summary judgment of no willfulness for the patent claims on which Open Text had  
26 not moved for a preliminary injunction. *See Dkt. No. 527*. After Open Text rested its case in  
27 chief, the Court granted defendants' motion for judgment as a matter of law of no willful  
28 infringement for the remaining patent claim, on which Open Text had moved for a preliminary

1 injunction. *See* Dkt. No. 588.

2 On February 13, 2015, the jury reached a verdict, finding direct, contributory, and induced  
3 infringement of each asserted claim, and finding that the asserted claims were not anticipated or  
4 obvious. *See* Dkt. No. 582. The jury awarded Open Text lump-sum damages of \$4,918,661. *See*  
5 *id.*

6 **PATENTS-IN-SUIT AND ACCUSED PRODUCTS**

7 At trial, Open Text asserted four claims, all from the File Synchronization patents: claims  
8 10 and 27 of the '515 patent, claim 4 of the '665 patent, and claim 11 of the '152 patent.  
9 According to Open Text, two Box products -- Box Edit for Mac and Box Edit for Windows --  
10 infringed each of the asserted claims, and the Box Android application additionally infringed  
11 claim 27 of the '515 patent.

12 The File Synchronization patents involve centralized databases that store electronic files.  
13 *See* '515 patent, 1:14-15. They attempt to improve on prior art methods for allowing multiple  
14 users to access and modify such files at the same time by providing for bi-directional  
15 synchronization of a cache on the users' client machines with the server, allowing the user to edit  
16 the locally-cached file, which is then synchronized with the server copy after it has been modified.  
17 *See id.* at 2:13-15, 3:22-49. Claim 1 of the '515 patent, from which asserted claim 10 depends, is  
18 representative:

19 A system for synchronizing a cached file with a database:

20 a computer processor;  
21 a network connection device operable to establish a  
22 connection with a database;  
23 a computer readable memory containing a local cache; and  
24 a software program, executable to run in user space on a  
25 client computer, stored on a computer medium and  
26 executable by the computer processor to:

27 send a request to the database for a file; receive the  
28 file at the client computer directly from a database;  
store the file as a cached file in the local cache;  
notify the operating system to open the cached file  
using a locally running application associated with  
the file type for the cached file;  
determine if the cached file at the client computer has  
been modified by a user using the locally running  
application based on a notification from a file  
management system of an operating system; and  
if the cached file has been modified, save the cached  
file from the cache directly to the database.

1 '515 patent, claim 1.

2 Box offers a subscription-based cloud computing service whereby users can, among other  
3 things, store and share files on Box's servers, which can then be accessed in various ways from  
4 client computers. *See* Trial Transcript ("Trial Tr.") 103:1-10 (defendants' opening statement); *id.*  
5 at 162:17-163:2 (testimony of Adam Howatson); *id.* at 229:21-25 (testimony of Griffin Dorman),  
6 Dkt. Nos. 525, 526, 536, 549, 564, 565, 581, 583. Box Edit is one way of editing files stored in  
7 Box's servers. *See* Trial Tr. 212:3-4 (testimony of Griffin Dorman). Box makes Box Edit  
8 available to its users as a free add-on that subscribers to the overall Box platform can download  
9 and install on their computers. *See* Trial Tr. 227:8-14 (testimony of Griffin Dorman); TX303.  
10 Box Edit is used from within the Box "Web App." The Box Web App is the web interface that a  
11 user is presented with when she logs into the Box website, and allows her to see and move her  
12 files, view the version history for the files, add comments, share the files with other users, and so  
13 forth. *See* Trial Tr. 238:20-239:1 (testimony of Griffin Dorman). Box Edit allows a user to edit a  
14 file by clicking a button from within the Web App, which results in the file being downloaded to  
15 the user's computer and opened in a local editor, and then saved back to the server once the user  
16 makes a change. *See* TX849; Trial Tr. 342:23-343:2, 344:14-345:3 (testimony of Chris Yeh).  
17 Box offers other ways of editing files stored in its servers: for example, it offers a feature called  
18 Box Sync that ensures that a group of files on a user's hard drive is synchronized with the server,  
19 similar to Dropbox or Google Drive. *See* Trial Tr. 345:10-19 (testimony of Chris Yeh).  
20 Alternatively, users could use the Web App to download files to their computer, open and edit  
21 them with a local program, and then use the Web App to select and upload the file. *See* Trial Tr.  
22 242:7-11 (testimony of Griffin Dorman).

23 Box users can also edit files using Box's Android application. Users can select documents  
24 to edit from the Android application, which results in the file being downloaded and opened in a  
25 local Android application. *See* Trial Tr. 419:13-18; 421:13-422:2 (testimony of Ketan Mayer-  
26 Patel). When the file is edited and closed, the file is saved back to Box's servers. *See* Trial Tr.  
27 419:19-23 (testimony of Ketan Mayer-Patel). The Android application has other, non-accused  
28 functionality besides the editing functionality. *See* Trial Tr. 437:20-438:16 (testimony of Ketan

1 Mayer-Patel).

## 2 **LEGAL STANDARD**

3 Rule 50 allows a district court to grant judgment as a matter of law “when the evidence  
4 permits only one reasonable conclusion and the conclusion is contrary to that reached by the jury.”  
5 *Ostad v. Oregon Health Sciences Univ.*, 327 F.3d 876, 881 (9th Cir. 2003). A party seeking  
6 judgment as a matter of law after a jury verdict must show that the verdict is not supported by  
7 “substantial evidence,” meaning “relevant evidence that a reasonable mind would accept as  
8 adequate to support a conclusion.” *Callicrate v. Wadsworth Mfg.*, 427 F.3d 1361, 1366 (Fed. Cir.  
9 2005) (citing *Gillette v. Delmore*, 979 F.2d 1342, 1346 (9th Cir. 1992)). The Court must “view  
10 the evidence in the light most favorable to the nonmoving party . . . and draw all reasonable  
11 inferences in that party’s favor.” *See E.E.O.C. v. Go Daddy Software, Inc.*, 581 F.3d 951, 961 (9th  
12 Cir. 2009) (internal quotations and citations omitted).

## 13 **DISCUSSION**

14 Defendants seek judgment as a matter of law on four issues: whether the accused products  
15 meet one of the limitations of the asserted claims; whether Open Text introduced evidence of  
16 infringement by Carahsoft and any resulting damages; whether the asserted claims are invalid in  
17 light of the prior art; and whether the asserted claims are enabled. In addition, the parties dispute  
18 the form of judgment, which party prevailed and whether that party should be awarded costs, and  
19 prejudgment interest.

### 20 **I. DEFENDANTS’ RENEWED MOTION FOR JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF 21 LAW**

#### 22 **A. Infringement of the Asserted Claims**

23 Claim 11 of the ’152 patent requires that the cache manager “determine if the cached file  
24 has been modified *based on a notification* from a file management system of the operating  
25 system,” ’152 patent, claim 11 (emphasis added), and each of the other asserted claims have or  
26 depend from independent claims that have similar limitations.<sup>1</sup> Box argues that it is entitled to

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<sup>1</sup> See ’665 patent, claim 1 (“determining if the cached file has been modified based on a  
28 notification from a file management system of the operating system); ’515 patent, claim 1  
 (“determine if the cached file at the client computer has been modified by a user using the locally

1 judgment as a matter of law of non-infringement because its accused products do not meet these  
2 limitations.

3 The relevant characteristics of the accused products -- Box Edit for Mac, Box Edit for  
4 Windows, and the Box Android application -- are undisputed, but vary slightly by product. In Box  
5 Edit for Mac, the Box software registers for notifications of changes to the directories containing  
6 the files downloaded using Box Edit. *See* Trial Tr. at 396:16-399:2; *id.* at 682:16-22, 695:24-  
7 696:8 (testimony of Srinivasan Jagannathan); TX292.2. Box Edit for Windows, by contrast,  
8 “polls” the file being edited: it periodically checks the file’s properties to see if the file’s last  
9 modified time has changed. Trial Tr. at 458:19-459:6 (testimony of Ketan Mayer-Patel); Trial Tr.  
10 at 696:11-17 (testimony of Srinivasan Jagannathan). Finally, Box for Android monitors for when  
11 the file being edited is closed, or a file that is named the same thing as the file being edited is  
12 moved, and upon detecting those events, uploads those files to the server. *See* Trial Tr. 685:3-8  
13 (testimony of Srinivasan Jagannathan).

14 In all three products, however, the program does not conclude that the file has been  
15 modified based solely on the results of this monitoring. Rather, once the monitoring suggests that  
16 the file may have been modified, the program goes on to perform a “hash comparison” to verify  
17 that the file has been changed. *See* Trial Tr. at 458:2-18 (testimony of Ketan Mayer-Patel); *id.* at  
18 680:10-17 (testimony of Srinivasan Jagannathan). A hash comparison makes use of a family of  
19 mathematical functions called hash functions, which take a file (or other input) and produce a  
20 number -- usually much smaller -- known as a “hash.” *See* Trial Tr. at 309:19-25 (testimony of  
21 Ketan Mayer-Patel). Input files that differ even slightly will almost always result in a completely  
22 different hash. *See* Trial Tr. 309:25-400:3 (testimony of Ketan Mayer-Patel); *id.* at 680:20-23  
23 (testimony of Srinivasan Jagannathan). The accused Box products use a hash function called  
24 SHA1, and compare the SHA1 hash of the local file with the SHA1 hash of the file as it existed  
25 when it was downloaded from Box’s servers. *See* Trial Tr. 400:4-15, 459:18-22 (testimony of

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27 running application based on a notification from a file management system of an operating  
28 system”); *id.*, claim 27 (“determine if the [first/second] cached file has been modified by the  
[first/second] locally running application based on a notification from a file management system  
of an operating system”).

1 Ketan Mayer-Patel). If the hash values are different, the accused products conclude that the file  
2 has been modified and upload it to the server. *See id.*; Trial Tr. at 680:24-681:10 (testimony of  
3 Srinivasan Jagannathan).

4 Defendants argue that the fact that the accused products use a hash comparison means that  
5 they do not “determine if the cached file has been modified based on a notification from a file  
6 management system of the operating system,” even if the hash comparison is triggered by the  
7 notification from a file management system. But it is undisputed that a notification from a file  
8 management system is necessary, though not sufficient, for the accused products to determine if a  
9 local file has been modified. Defendants’ argument boils down to a claim that “based on a  
10 notification” necessarily means “based *only* on a notification.” Whatever the merits of this  
11 argument, it is essentially a claim construction argument that defendants failed to make pre-verdict  
12 and therefore cannot make post-verdict. *See Hewlett-Packard Co. v. Mustek Sys., Inc.*, 340 F.3d  
13 1314, 1320 (Fed. Cir. 2003) (“When issues of claim construction have not been properly raised in  
14 connection with the jury instructions, it is improper for the district court to adopt a new or more  
15 detailed claim construction in connection with the JMOL motion.”).

16 Consequently, the Court denies judgment as a matter of law of non-infringement on this  
17 issue.

18 **B. Infringement and Damages as to Carahsoft**

19 Carahsoft is a distributor and reseller of products, including the Box platform, mainly to  
20 government customers. *See* Trial Tr. 86:12-13 (Open Text’s opening); Dkt. No. 543-1 at 24:3-6  
21 (testimony of Craig Abod). The evidence at trial showed that there were 65 sales of the Box  
22 platform through Carahsoft. *See* TX171; Dkt. No. 543-4 at 127:11-128:6 (testimony of Matthew  
23 Rattigan).

24 Defendants argue that the jury never saw evidence that Carahsoft infringes the patents-in-  
25 suit. Carahsoft sells the Box platform, but Open Text does not contend that the Box platform as a  
26 whole infringes -- only Box Edit and the Box for Android application. *See* Pretrial Conference  
27 Statement at 2:19-21, 8:4-6, Dkt. No. 390. As previously noted, Box Edit is a free add-on that  
28 Box subscribers must affirmatively download on their own through Box’s website. *See* Trial Tr.

1 227:8-14 (testimony of Griffin Dorman); TX303. The same is true of Box for Android. *See* Trial  
2 Tr. 325:19-22 (testimony of Dylan Smith). There appears to be no dispute that most Box users do  
3 not, in fact, install Box Edit: Box has over 30 million users, but there have been fewer than  
4 480,000 installations of Box Edit. *Compare* TX54 (total Box users) *with* TX179 (Box Edit  
5 installations). In addition, defendants argue that there is no evidence that Carahsoft indirectly  
6 infringed the patents-in-suit, and that even if there was evidence of some infringement by  
7 Carahsoft, Open Text did not introduce evidence as to its extent -- meaning the jury had no basis  
8 to award damages.

9 Defendants are correct, and Open Text's arguments to the contrary are ill taken. First of  
10 all, Open Text argues that Carahsoft directly infringed because “[e]very Box product sale is a sale  
11 of Box Edit, and ever offer to sell Box is an offer to sell Box Edit.” Dkt. No. 621 at 4:14-15. That  
12 is evidently not the case: Open Text never accused the Box platform as a whole of infringing, just  
13 Box Edit. The fact that some of the buyers of the Box platform may later go download an  
14 infringing add-on does not retroactively transform the sale of the platform into an infringing sale.

15 Open Text also points out that a Carahsoft employee, Matthew Rattigan, testified that he  
16 uses Box for Android on his phone for his personal photos. *See* Dkt. No. 543-4 at 109:15-110:3.  
17 But the mere fact that a Carahsoft employee may have infringed the patent in his personal  
18 activities is not, by itself, a basis for direct infringement liability by Carahsoft. His actions might  
19 be attributable to his employer if Carahsoft directed or controlled his performance, or if he and  
20 Carahsoft formed a joint enterprise. *See Akamai Techs., Inc. v. Limelight Networks, Inc.*, Nos.  
21 2009-1372, 2009-1380, 2009-1416, 2009-1417, 2015 WL 4760450, at \*1-2 (Fed. Cir. Aug. 13,  
22 2015) (en banc). There was no evidence that Mr. Rattigan's use of Box for Android for his  
23 personal photos fit into either of these categories, and Open Text does not argue that it does.

24 Carahsoft is also entitled to judgment as a matter of law on Open Text's indirect  
25 infringement claims, not least because indirect infringement must be predicated on an instance of  
26 direct infringement by Carahsoft or its customers, which Open Text has not shown here. *See*  
27 *Limelight Networks, Inc. v. Akamai Techs., Inc.*, 134 S. Ct. 2111, 2117 & n.3 (2014). Open Text  
28 argues that the jury was entitled to infer that at least one of Carahsoft's customers had used Box

1 Edit or Box for Android, because 37% of Box's business and enterprise users used Box Edit to  
2 edit shared files (though only 9% of users used Box Edit to edit private files). *See* TX161.2. That  
3 statistic, however, is for Box users as a whole, rather than Carahsoft's users -- which, as can be  
4 seen from TX171, are largely associated with governmental entities and may not be representative  
5 of Box's user base. Circumstantial evidence can certainly be relied upon to establish an instance  
6 of direct infringement, but only if it does, in fact, meet the threshold of substantial evidence. In  
7 *Lucent Technologies, Inc. v. Gateway, Inc.*, the Federal Circuit found that "the extensive sales of  
8 Microsoft products and the dissemination of instruction manuals for the Microsoft products" plus  
9 corresponding testimony from Lucent's expert "was just barely sufficient to permit the jury to find  
10 direct infringement by a preponderance of the evidence." 580 F.3d 1301, 1318 (Fed. Cir. 2009).  
11 Where, in contrast to Microsoft's "extensive" sales, Carahsoft's can be numbered in the dozens,  
12 there is no substantial evidence that at least one of Carahsoft's customers directly infringed by  
13 downloading Box Edit.

14 Open Text's indirect infringement against Carahsoft claims fail for additional, independent  
15 reasons. To show contributory infringement, the patentee must show that the accused infringer  
16 sold, offered to sell, or imported "a component of a patented machine" which was "not a staple  
17 article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing use." 35 U.S.C. § 271(c).  
18 The only component Carahsoft sold was the Box platform, and it is undisputed that the Box  
19 platform as a whole has many substantial noninfringing uses, as should be clear from the fact that  
20 only a minority of Box users use Box Edit. *See* TX54; TX179; Trial Tr. 241:9-20 (testimony of  
21 Griffin Dorman); 245:1-5 (testimony of Aaron Levie). Carahsoft is therefore entitled to judgment  
22 as a matter of law of no contributory infringement.

23 As for induced infringement, Open Text had to show that Carahsoft "knowingly induced  
24 infringement and possessed specific intent to encourage another's infringement." *MEMC Elec.*  
25 *Materials, Inc. v. Mitsubishi Materials Silicon Corp.*, 420 F.3d 1369, 1378 (Fed. Cir. 2005)  
26 (quotations and citations omitted). Open Text made no such showing with respect to Box Edit.  
27 Although Open Text's expert, Dr. Mayer-Patel, opined that Box encouraged users to use Box Edit  
28 after the suit was filed, he opined only that Carahsoft encouraged users to use Box -- not Box Edit.

1     See Trial Tr. 408:23-409:3 (testimony of Ketan Mayer-Patel). Since the jury did not have  
2     sufficient evidence to conclude that Carahsoft had the necessary scienter for induced infringement,  
3     Carahsoft is entitled to judgment as a matter of law of no induced infringement on that basis as  
4     well.

5           Open Text finally argues that Carahsoft is jointly and severally liable for Box's damages,  
6     citing *Shockley v. Arcan, Inc.*, 248 F.3d 1349, 1364 (Fed. Cir. 2001). *Shockley* held that where  
7     accused infringers "Sunex, Telesis, and Arcan benefited from a manufacturing, supply and  
8     distribution relationship" and "[e]ach infringing Z-Creeper made by Sunex was imported by  
9     Telesis into the United States and resold to Arcan," Telesis was "a joint tort-feasor and is jointly  
10    and severally liable for damages assessed against Arcan." *Id.* at 1364. But *Shockley* does not  
11    provide an independent basis for liability where none exists; the decision explicitly held that one  
12    of the accused infringers, Sunex, was not jointly and severally liable because its activities took  
13    place abroad and therefore did not constitute infringement. *See id.* Similarly, Carahsoft cannot  
14    share in Box's liability when it otherwise does not infringe the patents-in-suit. Moreover,  
15    *Shockley* held that Telesis was jointly and severally liable for the damages assessed against its  
16    downstream reseller, Arcan, but it noted that Arcan was not liable for Telesis sales to entities other  
17    than Arcan. *See id.* By the same token, Carahsoft does not share in Box's liability for making  
18    Box Edit available to others.

19           Consequently, the Court grants judgment as a matter of law of no infringement as to  
20    Carahsoft.

21           **C.     Invalidity of the Asserted Patents**

22           Defendants argue that they are entitled to judgment as a matter of law of invalidity, and  
23    advance four theories as to why. The first two center around the WS\_FTP Pro 5.0 User's Guide  
24    reference: defendants assert that the user's guide, in combination with the knowledge of a person  
25    of ordinary skill in the art, renders all four asserted claims invalid, and additionally that the user's  
26    guide, in combination with the knowledge of a person of ordinary skill in the art and Xerox's  
27    DocuShare version 2.2 software, renders claim 10 of the '515 patent obvious. Next, defendants  
28    argue that the Coda version 5.3.10 software anticipates each of the asserted claims, and that Coda,

1 in combination with DocuShare, renders claim 10 of the '515 patent obvious. Finally, defendants  
2 argue that the asserted claims are not enabled.

3 The Court denies judgment as a matter of law. The jury could legitimately have found that  
4 defendants did not show by clear and convincing evidence that the WS\_FTP Pro 5.0 User's Guide  
5 was publicly available before the File Synchronization patents' December 28, 2001 priority date,  
6 or that Coda satisfies the asserted claims' requirement that the cache manager notify the operating  
7 system to open the cached file. Defendants' enablement argument, which the jury was not asked  
8 to decide, also fails because defendants presented no evidence that undue experimentation would  
9 be necessary in order for a person of ordinary skill in the art to practice the claimed invention.

10 **1. WS\_FTP Pro 5.0 User's Guide**

11 Both of defendants' obviousness theories involving the WS\_FTP Pro 5.0 User's Guide,  
12 introduced as TX618, depend on the assumption that the user's guide is, in fact, prior art under 35  
13 U.S.C. § 103. It is important to note that the prior art reference in question is just the user's guide,  
14 and not the actual software that the user's guide describes. *See* Trial Tr. at 550:22-25 (testimony  
15 of Srinivasan Jagannathan). Defendants claim that the WS\_FTP user's guide is a prior art "printed  
16 publication." In order to constitute prior art, a printed publication must have been "publicly  
17 accessible" before the priority date of the asserted claims. *See SRI Int'l, Inc. v. Internet Sec.*  
18 *Systems, Inc.*, 511 F.3d 1186, 1194-95 (Fed. Cir. 2008). To show that a reference is publicly  
19 accessible, the party asserting invalidity must show that the document "has been disseminated or  
20 otherwise made available to the extent that persons interested and ordinarily skilled in the subject  
21 matter or art exercising reasonable diligence, can locate it." *Id.* at 1194.

22 The problem is that all of the evidence introduced by defendants to show public  
23 accessibility refers to the WS\_FTP software itself, rather than the user's guide. TX619 is a  
24 product review discussing WS\_FTP Pro 5.0 from November 9, 1999, but it never refers to the  
25 WS\_FTP Pro user's guide. TX620 is a press release announcing version 5.0 of WS\_FTP Pro, but  
26 it likewise does not refer to the user's guide. TX712 shows a description of WS\_FTP Pro 5.0 on

1 the website of the company that created it, but again, it contains no mention of the user's guide.<sup>2</sup>

2 The user's guide introduced by defendants does feature a 1998 copyright date, as well as a  
3 "printing history" giving the dates of four editions, the last of which is listed as being printed in  
4 February 1998. *See* TX618 at ii. Copyright and printing dates may indicate when the document  
5 was created, but they do not prove the necessary predicate to establishing "public accessibility" --  
6 that the document was "disseminated or otherwise made available to the extent that persons  
7 interested and ordinarily skilled in the subject matter or art exercising reasonable diligence, can  
8 locate it." *See SRI Int'l*, 511 F.3d at 1194; *CNET Networks, Inc. v. Etilize, Inc.*, 584 F. Supp. 2d  
9 1260, 1273-74 (N.D. Cal. 2008). Defendants' counsel asked the jury to draw the "common sense"  
10 inference that the manual was given out to users of WS\_FTP Pro, *see* Trial Tr. 1191:16-25, but the  
11 jury was entitled not to draw that inference -- or to conclude that the evidence defendants pointed  
12 to did not rise to the "clear and convincing" level necessary to establish patent invalidity, *see*  
13 *Microsoft Corp. v. i4i Ltd. P'ship*, 131 S. Ct. 2238, 2242 (2011).

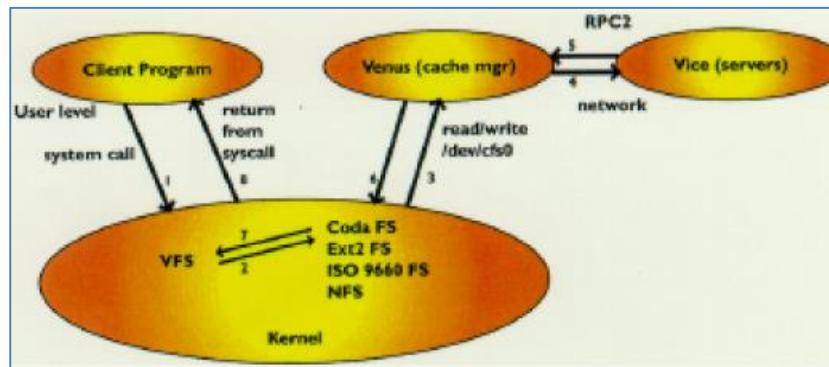
14 The Court therefore denies judgment as a matter of law on defendants' invalidity theories  
15 involving the WS\_FTP Pro 5.0 User's Guide.

## 16 2. Coda

17 Coda is a distributed file system developed by a team at Carnegie Mellon University led by  
18 Professor Mahadev Satyanarayanan. *See* Dkt. No. 553-1 at 12:18-10 (testimony of Mahadev  
19 Satyanarayanan); TX1558 at DEFS000125; TX1557 at DEFS000199. Defendants assert Coda  
20 version 5.3.10, introduced into evidence at TX690, as both an anticipating reference and, together  
21 with the Xerox DocuShare version 2.2 software, as an obviousness combination. (For simplicity,  
22 all subsequent references to "Coda" should be understood to refer to version 5.3.10.) Coda  
23 consists of a number of components: a server component called "Vice," a cache manager program  
24 called "Venus," and a kernel component that is part of the operating system. *See* Trial Tr. 627:11-

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26 <sup>2</sup> When defendants previously moved for summary judgment of invalidity, they attached a  
27 declaration from Melissa Mack, an operations manager at Ipswich, the company that made  
28 WS\_FTP, to try and establish that the WS\_FTP Pro 5.0 User's Guide was publicly accessible, *see*  
Declaration of Melissa Mack ¶ 5, Dkt. No. 315-19, but no testimony from Ms. Mack was  
introduced at trial.

1 18, 632:8-634:4 (testimony of Srinivasan Jagannathan); Dkt. No. 553-1 at 25:19-26:5 (testimony  
 2 of Mahadev Satyanarayanan); TX1557 at DEFS000126; TX1557 at DEFS000200 & Fig. 3. A  
 3 schematic of the operation of the Coda system, as found in an article by Peter J. Braam describing  
 4 Coda, is shown below:



12 TX700 at 47. As described by defendants' expert, and as shown in screenshots he took that were  
 13 introduced into evidence at TX600.11-18, Coda creates a directory on the client computer that  
 14 shows a representation of the files and file structure stored on the server. *See* Trial Tr. 635:13-  
 15 636:4 (testimony of Srinivasan Jagannathan); TX600.11. When the client computer is told to open  
 16 a file, the file is downloaded to the local computer from the server and opened on the client  
 17 computer. *See* Trial Tr. 636:11-19 (testimony of Srinivasan Jagannathan); TX600.11.  
 18 Modifications to the file, when saved, are propagated back to the server. *See* Trial Tr. 650:14-  
 19 651:3 (testimony of Srinivasan Jagannathan); TX600.17-18.

20 The jury declined to find, in the face of this evidence, that the asserted claims were invalid,  
 21 and it was entitled to do so. Each of the asserted claims has a limitation requiring (in slightly  
 22 varying language) that the cache manager "notify the operating system to open the cached file  
 23 using a locally running application associated with the file type for the cached file." '515 patent,  
 24 claim 1.<sup>3</sup> The evidence at trial established solely that Venus, which defendants claim corresponds

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 26 <sup>3</sup> Similar limitations are found in the other asserted claims:

- 27 • claim 27 of the '515 patent ("a software program ... executable by the computer processor  
 to ... notify the operating system to open the [first or second] cached file using a [first or  
 second] locally running application associated with the file type for the cached file"),
- 28 • claim 4 of the '665 patent ("notifying an operating system to open the cached file using a  
 local application associated with a file type for the cached file, wherein the cache manager

1 to the claimed cache manager, fetches the remote file and saves it to the local system. *See* Trial  
2 Tr. 636:13-19 (testimony of Srinivasan Jagannathan). Defendants' expert claimed that when  
3 Venus fetches the remote file, it tells the operating system, "Here's the file; open it," which  
4 constitutes the claimed notification. *See* Trial Tr. 647:2-16 (testimony of Srinivasan Jagannathan).  
5 But apart from this statement, the evidence regarding Coda's operation presented at trial showed  
6 only that the remote file was saved on the local machine and that it was subsequently opened by a  
7 locally-running application; although the file was unquestionably received by the local computer,  
8 there was no evidence in Dr. Jagannathan's screenshots or the various documents describing Coda  
9 of an additional notification from Venus corresponding to Dr. Jagannathan's "open it," prompting  
10 the operating system to open the saved file. *See* Trial Tr. 648:5-10 (testimony of Srinivasan  
11 Jagannathan). That additional notification is what is required by the asserted claims. The patents-  
12 in-suit treat receipt of the file from the server and notifying the operating system to open the file as  
13 two separate events, as is apparent from Figure 2 of each of the patents, which shows "receive  
14 copy of the database asset and save as cached file" (item 76) and "prompt operating system to  
15 open file" (item 82) as different steps. *See, e.g.*, '515 patent, Fig. 2. Dr. Jagannathan may have  
16 testified that after the file was received, Venus notified the operating system to open it, but juries  
17 are entitled to disregard an expert's unsupported say-so. (Indeed, juries should not rely on an  
18 expert's conclusory statements. *See* *MobileMedia Ideas LLC v. Apple Inc.*, 780 F.3d 1159, 1172  
19 (Fed. Cir. 2015).)

20 Defendants relied on Coda to establish the "notification" limitation in each of their  
21 invalidity theories involving Coda. Since the jury was entitled to conclude that Coda does not  
22 include that element, the Court denies judgment as a matter of law of invalidity based on those  
23 theories.

24 **3. Lack of Enablement**

25 Defendants renew their pre-verdict motion for judgment as a matter of law that the File

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- ◆ notifies the operating system to open the cached file"), and
- 28 ◆ claim 11 of the '152 patent ("causing the cache manager to prompt the operating system to  
open the cached file using a local application associated with a file type for the cached  
file").

1 Synchronization patents are not enabled, based on an argument that was gestured at, but not  
2 explicitly made, at trial. *See* Dkt. No. 600. Defendants presented no evidence or testimony during  
3 their own case regarding enablement, but did elicit testimony from Open Text's expert on cross-  
4 examination that in order to "determine if the cached file at the client computer has been modified  
5 by a user using the locally running application based on a notification from a file management  
6 system of an operating system," the cache manager must do "something more" in addition to  
7 receiving a notification from the operating system. *See* Trial Tr. at 463:17-24 (testimony of Ketan  
8 Mayer-Patel). According to defendants, since this "something more" is not disclosed in the  
9 specification of the patents, the patents are invalid for lack of enablement.

10 In order to establish that the asserted claims are not enabled, defendants would have to  
11 show that "one skilled in the art, having read the specification, could [not] practice the invention  
12 without 'undue experimentation.'" *Streck, Inc. v. Research & Diagnostic Sys., Inc.*, 665 F.3d  
13 1269, 1288 (Fed. Cir. 2012). It is not enough that the procedure for performing a "determination"  
14 not be found in the specification, since "[a] patent need not teach, and preferably omits, what is  
15 well known in the art." *Falko-Gunter Falkner v. Inglis*, 448 F.3d 1357, 1365 (Fed. Cir. 2006)  
16 (quoting *Spectra-Physics, Inc. v. Coherent, Inc.*, 827 F.2d 1524, 1534 (Fed. Cir. 1987)).

17 Defendants argue (albeit without citation to the record) that Open Text cannot take the  
18 position that a "determination" was known in the prior art, because Open Text distinguished  
19 defendants' prior art references based on their not teaching a "determination" step. *See*  
20 Defendants' JMOL re Enablement at 5:18-21, Dkt. No. 600. Be that as it may, defendants neither  
21 elicited nor introduced any testimony or evidence regarding the amount of experimentation that  
22 would be necessary in order to practice the invention if it required a separate "determination" step  
23 -- much less the clear and convincing evidence that would be needed to invalidate a patent claim.  
24 *See Cephalon, Inc. v. Watson Pharms., Inc.*, 707 F.3d 1330, 1337 (Fed. Cir. 2013) ("Because we  
25 must presume a patent enabled, the challenger bears the burden, throughout the litigation, of  
26 proving lack of enablement by clear and convincing evidence.").

27 Consequently, the Court denies defendants' renewed motion for judgment as a matter of  
28 law that the four asserted claims are not enabled.

1       **II. FORM OF VERDICT**

2       Rule 58 requires that judgments be set forth in a separate document. “[I]t is common for  
3       courts to ask the parties to stipulate to the form of the final judgment,” *Taylor Brands, LLC v. GB*  
4       *II Corp.*, 827 F.3d 874, 877 (Fed. Cir. 2010), and this Court asked the parties to do so after the  
5       jury verdict. Unfortunately, the parties proved unequal to the task, with both sides filing their own  
6       proposed form and accompanying briefing. *See* Dkt. Nos. 592, 593, 598. The competing forms  
7       differ on a number of particulars: whether the judgment should say that the defendants directly  
8       infringed or merely their products did, whether the particular prior art references that were tried  
9       should be listed, and whether the judgment should address enhanced damages, the availability of  
10       injunctive relief, costs, and the prejudgment interest rate.

11       All this misses the point. Rule 58 judgments do not exist to give the parties a chance to  
12       gloss the jury verdict or spin issues for appeal. “The sole purpose of the separate-document  
13       requirement, which was added to Rule 58 in 1963, was to clarify when the time for appeal under  
14       28 U.S.C. § 2107 begins to run.” *Bankers Trust Co. v. Mullins*, 435 U.S. 381, 385 (1978).  
15       Disputes over what the jury verdict means can be taken up when a party seeks to enforce the  
16       judgment, or when the preclusive effect of the verdict is later asserted.

17       The Court could not enter judgment immediately after trial, since the request for an  
18       injunction that Open Text included in its complaint remained pending. Until that issue was  
19       resolved, the Court could not issue a judgment that would be “final” under 28 U.S.C. § 1295,  
20       because a final judgment is one that “ends the litigation on the merits and leaves nothing for the  
21       court to do but execute the judgment.” *Ultra-Precision Mfg Ltd. v. Ford Motor Co.*, 338 F.3d  
22       1353, 1356-57 (Fed. Cir. 2003); *see also PODS, Inc. v. Porta Star, Inc.*, 484 F.3d 1359, 1365  
23       (Fed. Cir. 2007) (finding that judgment that addressed infringement and damages, but not  
24       permanent injunction, was not final); *Natron Corp. v. Borg Indak, Inc.*, No. 2012-1292, 2012 WL  
25       10242279 (Fed. Cir. Aug. 3, 2012) (unpublished) (dismissing appeal because “Nartron sought an  
26       injunction in its complaint and the trial court has not yet resolved the dispute over injunctive  
27       relief”); *Creative Compounds, LLC v. Starmark Labs.*, 2009 WL 5171738, \*1 (Fed. Cir. 2009),  
28       *denying reconsideration*, 2010 WL 1140884, \*1 (Fed. Cir. Mar. 24, 2010) (same); *Advanced*

1        *Cardiovascular Sys. v. Medtronic Vascular, Inc.*, 231 Fed. App'x 962, 963 (Fed. Cir. 2007)  
2 (unpublished) (holding that appeal was “premature” because plaintiff’s “request for permanent  
3 injunctive relief in its complaint remains pending and thus the case is not final except for an  
4 accounting”). In a motion in limine ruling, the Court already expressed its view that an injunction  
5 is not available when a jury awards lump sum damages covering past and future infringement. *See*  
6 Dkt. No. 478 at 3:1-3; *see also Carborundum Co. v. Molten Metal Equipment Innovations, Inc.*, 72  
7 F.3d 872, 881 (Fed. Cir. 1995) (“[O]nce a patentee has been fully compensated by an infringer for  
8 the use of a device embodying the patented invention, a court may not grant an injunction  
9 preventing the infringer from using or repairing that device.”); *Trans-World Mfg Corp. v. Al  
10 Nyman & Sons, Inc.*, 750 F.2d 1552 (Fed. Cir. 1984) (“Where the damage award is based upon an  
11 assumed license for the life of the patent, there is no need to enjoin use, because the license fee  
12 authorizes use.”); *Amstar Corp. v. Envirotech Corp.*, 823 F.2d 1538, 1549 (Fed. Cir. 1987)  
13 (“Having been awarded full compensation for the making and using of existing infringing  
14 thickeners, therefore, Amstar is not entitled to enjoin their use.”). But it never explicitly ruled on a  
15 motion for a permanent injunction, because Open Text never brought one. *See Ultra-Precision*,  
16 338 F.3d at 1357 (holding that “[a] motion *in limine* is by nature a preliminary ruling … and  
17 therefore is not appealable” or even reducible to an appealable judgment under Rule 54(b)).

18        At the post-trial conference, however, Open Text moved under Rule 15 to amend its  
19 complaint to drop the request for an injunction, and the Court granted the motion, disposing of the  
20 request for an injunction, and permitting final judgment to be entered. *See* Post-Trial Hearing Tr.  
21 4:8-17, Dkt. No. 630.

22        Defendants also ask for the jury verdict to note that Open Text is not entitled to enhanced  
23 damages for willfulness, given the fact that the Court has determined that there is no willful  
24 infringement. *See* Dkt. Nos. 527, 588. That is unnecessary to include in a judgment. A final  
25 judgment is one “from which an appeal lies,” *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 54, and the Federal Circuit  
26 (unlike other courts of appeals) has jurisdiction over appeals from judgments that are final “except  
27 for an accounting.” 28 U.S.C. § 1292(c)(2). The Federal Circuit has ruled that, as a result, claims  
28 for enhancement of damages do not have to be addressed in order to have a final judgment. *See*

1        *PODS*, 484 F.3d at 1365 n.4. There is therefore no need to resolve the issue until and unless Open  
2        Text seeks enhanced damages for whatever reason.

3        It is also unnecessary for the Court to adjudicate the parties' remaining disputes concerning  
4        the meaning of the jury verdict; instead, it will direct the clerk to enter judgment noting the  
5        prevailing party for each claim and the relief awarded, as contemplated by Rule 58. *See, e.g., In re*  
6        *Cendant Corp. Secs. Litig.*, 454 F.3d 235, 245 (3d Cir. 2006) ("For judges, the separate judgment  
7        should be as minimal as possible to comply with Rule 58's requirements, and should include little  
8        more."); *Kidd v. District of Columbia*, 206 F.3d 35, 38 (D.C. Cir. 2000) (holding that the Federal  
9        Rules of Civil Procedure insist on "simplicity and brevity in judgments"); *Otis v. City of Chicago*,  
10        29 F.3d 1159, 1163 (7th Cir. 1994) (en banc) (Easterbrook, J.) (holding that a Rule 58 judgment  
11        "should be a self-contained document, saying who has won and what relief has been awarded, but  
12        omitting the reasons for this disposition").

### 13        **III. PREVAILING PARTY AND COSTS**

14        Both sides claim to be the prevailing party: Defendants point to the fact that most of the  
15        originally-asserted patent claims were either dropped from this litigation or declared invalid, Open  
16        Text's motion for a preliminary injunction was denied, and the damages awarded by the jury was a  
17        small fraction of what Open Text originally sought. Open Text, on the other hand, points out that  
18        it won an infringement verdict with respect to some of the asserted claims.

19        Under Federal Circuit precedent, "[a] court must choose one, and only one, 'prevailing  
20        party' to receive any costs award." *Shum v. Intel Corp.*, 629 F.3d 1360, 1367 (Fed. Cir. 2010).  
21        The prevailing party is one that obtains relief that "materially alters the legal relationship between  
22        the parties by modifying one party's behavior in a way that 'directly benefits' the opposing party,"  
23        but it need not prevail on all claims. *Id.* at 1367-68.

24        A defendant that wins a declaration that a competitor's patent is invalid can be a prevailing  
25        party, *Manildra Milling Corp. v. Ogilvie Mills, Inc.*, 76 F.3d 1178, 1183 (Fed. Cir. 1996), but  
26        defendants have not cited, and the Court has not found, a case that has held that a defendant who  
27        wins on invalidity as to a subset of the asserted patents can be a prevailing party. In fact,  
28        *Manildra* suggests that the law is to the contrary. *See id.* at 1182 ("a judgment for damages in any

1 amount modifies the defendant's behavior to the plaintiff's benefit"). The Court therefore finds  
2 that Open Text is the prevailing party, however paltry the verdict was compared to Open Text's  
3 ambitions.

4 Whether Open Text is entitled to costs is determined according to the law of the regional  
5 circuit. *See id.* at 1183. In the Ninth Circuit, there is a presumption that the prevailing party is  
6 entitled to costs, but the district court has discretion not to award them. *See Escriba v. Foster*  
7 *Poultry Farms, Inc.*, 743 F.3d 1236, 1247 (9th Cir. 2014). A non-exhaustive list of appropriate  
8 reasons for denying costs includes: "(1) the issues in the case were close and difficult; (2) the  
9 prevailing party's recovery was nominal or partial; (3) the losing party litigated in good faith; and,  
10 perhaps, (4) the case presented a landmark issue of national importance." *Champion Produce, Inc.*  
11 *v. Ruby Robinson Co.*, 342 F.3d 1016, 1023 (9th Cir. 2003).

12 The Court finds that the presumption has been overcome in this case. By dint of Federal  
13 Circuit precedent, a prevailing party must be chosen, but any unbiased observer would have to  
14 conclude that the result in this case is close to a draw. The Court found the patent claims  
15 belonging to two of the three initially-asserted patent families to be invalid. *See* Dkt. No. 454;  
16 *Open Text v. Alfresco*, Case No. 13-cv-04843-JD, Dkt. No. 204 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 19, 2014). And  
17 even with respect to the claims from the File Synchronization patents on which Open Text  
18 eventually prevailed at trial, the judge who previously presided over this case found that  
19 defendants had raised a substantial question as to their validity. *See* Dkt. Nos. 192-93. In  
20 addition, defendants prevailed on both Open Text's claims for willful infringement and on its  
21 claim for injunctive relief, which (as previously explained) was dropped after trial. *See* Dkt. Nos.  
22 527, 588; Post-Trial Hearing Tr. 4:8-17. Finally, Open Text was awarded a lump sum of  
23 approximately \$4.9 million, *see* Jury Verdict at 9, Dkt. No. 582, a mere fraction of the over \$268  
24 million it initially sought. *See* Dkt. No. 593-5.

25 Consequently, based on the "closeness and difficulty of the case," Open Text's "partial"  
26 recovery, and the fact that defendants undisputedly litigated in good faith, the Court finds that  
27 each party should bear its own costs.

1       **IV. PREJUDGMENT INTEREST**

2           Under 35 U.S.C. § 284, after a finding of infringement, the court “shall award . . . damages  
3           . . . together with interest and costs.” Prejudgment interest should ordinarily be awarded absent  
4           some justification for withholding such an award. *See DDR Holdings, LLC v. Hotels.com, L.P.*,  
5           773 F.3d 1245, 1263 (Fed. Cir. 2014) (citing *Gen. Motors Corp. v. Devex Corp.*, 461 U.S. 648,  
6           657 (1983)); *see also Energy Transp. Grp., Inc. v. William Demant Holding A/S*, 697 F.3d 1342,  
7           1358 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (“The award of pre-judgment interest is the rule, not the exception.”). The  
8           purpose of awarding prejudgment interest is “to ensure that the patent owner is placed in as good a  
9           position as he would have been in had the infringer entered into a reasonable royalty agreement.”  
10           *Gen. Motors*, 461 U.S. at 655.

11           While the parties do not dispute the propriety of awarding prejudgment interest, they  
12           disagree as to the proper rate. Defendants believe that prejudgment interest should be awarded at  
13           the one-year Treasury bill rate. The problem with using this rate is that it does not fully capture  
14           the harm that Open Text suffered by being paid in 2015 rather than in March 2012. The T-bill rate  
15           may capture the time value of money -- the fact that if Open Text had received the damages award  
16           in 2012, it could have invested the money and earned interest. But it does not capture default risk  
17           -- the possibility that something would happen between 2012 and 2015 that would prevent Open  
18           Text from being paid at all. “At any time before actual payment or collection of the judgment the  
19           defendant may default and the plaintiff come up empty-handed. The plaintiff is an unsecured,  
20           uninsured creditor, and the risk of default must be considered in deciding what a compensatory  
21           rate of interest would be.” *Gorenstein Enters., Inc. v. Quality Care-USA, Inc.*, 874 F.2d 431, 436-  
22           37 (7th Cir. 1989) (Posner, J.).

23           The correct measure, therefore, is the interest rate that Open Text would have demanded  
24           had it charged defendants for a loan at the time of the alleged infringement, which captures the  
25           possibility that it would get stiffed by defendants. *See Sealant Sys. Int'l, Inc. v. TEK Global*  
26           *S.R.L.*, No. 5:11-cv-00774-PSG, 2014 WL 1008183, at \*6 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 7, 2014), *rev'd on*  
27           *other grounds*, 2015 WL 3622097 (Fed. Cir. Jun. 11, 2015); *Fresenius Med. Care Holdings, Inc.*  
28           *v. Baxter Int'l, Inc.*, C 03-1431 SBA, 2008 WL 928535, at \*3 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 4, 2008); *Atmel*

1      *Corp. v. Silicon Storage Tech., Inc.*, 202 F. Supp. 2d 1096, 1101 (N.D. Cal. 2002); *see also*  
2      *Gorenstein*, 874 F.2d at 436 (“The defendant who has violated the plaintiff’s rights is in effect a  
3      debtor of the plaintiff until the judgment is entered and paid or otherwise collected.”). Applying  
4      this principle, Open Text urges an interest rate of 8.375% compounded annually, plus an end of  
5      term payment of 4.5%, based on a \$5 million “Loan and Security Agreement” that Box entered  
6      into in March 2012 with a venture debt provider called Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.  
7      *See* Box’s 2015 Form 10-K at 90, Dkt. No. 614-3. The Hercules agreement was the only loan that  
8      Box had taken at the time infringement began, and therefore, according to Open Text, represents  
9      the best available data as to the interest rate Box would have been forced to cough up if it had  
10     taken a loan from Open Text in March 2012. According to the description of the loan in Box’s  
11     Form 10-K, Hercules got a security interest in “equipment financed under the agreement and all of  
12     [Box’s] patents, patent applications, copyrights, trademarks and trademark applications.” *Id.*  
13     Separately, around the same time, Hercules purchased 220,751 shares of Box’s Series D-2  
14     redeemable convertible preferred stock. *See id.* Box and Hercules had entered into two prior  
15     Loan and Security Agreements. *See id.* The Hercules loan was repaid in August 2013, when Box  
16     entered into a two-year \$100.0 million secured revolving credit facility and drew \$34 million at an  
17     interest rate of 3.4% (the six-month LIBOR plus 3.0%). *See id.*

18       There is something to the approach advocated by Open Text. Courts often use an index,  
19       such as the prime rate, to calculate prejudgment interest, *see Sealant Sys.*, 2014 WL 1008183, at  
20       \*6; *Fresenius*, 2008 WL 928535, at \*3, but this is largely a matter of convenience, as “a more  
21       precise estimate would be the interest rate paid by the defendant for unsecured loans,” *Gorenstein*,  
22       874 F.2d at 437. The Hercules loan arguably provides a Box-specific estimate, which would be  
23       more relevant than a market-wide index, and the high interest rate the loan provides for arguably  
24       just reflects the fact that in March 2012, Box was a risky startup. And while it is true that the  
25       terms of the Hercules loan differ in certain respects from the terms of a hypothetical 2012 loan  
26       from Open Text to Box, some of those differences cut against Box’s position: for example, the  
27       Hercules loan was secured by Box’s intellectual property, which would tend to drive the interest  
28       rate down in comparison to an unsecured loan. *See* Declaration of Gregory Leonard ¶ 7, Dkt. No.

1 618-4.

2 Nevertheless, the Court is unwilling to treat the Hercules loan as a reflection of the terms  
3 on which Open Text would have made Box a loan in March 2012 based simply on the description  
4 of the loan in Box's Form 10-K. Without the loan agreement itself and testimony from those who  
5 negotiated it, it is difficult to know whether Box agreed to the terms of the agreement because they  
6 were the best it could get at that stage, or for other reasons. The evidence Open Text has  
7 presented regarding the agreement is too uncertain to justify awarding the over \$1 million more in  
8 interest (including the end of term payment provided for in the Hercules loan) that Open Text  
9 would get if the Hercules loan agreement were used instead of the prime rate. *See* Declaration of  
10 Douglas Ellis Exs. 1A-1B, Dkt. No. 614-14. In addition, the Court notes that in August 2013 (as  
11 noted above) and September 2014, Box took out loans at rates much closer to the annual prime  
12 rate of 3.25%. *See* Leonard Decl. ¶ 10. Based on those facts, and the lack of a sufficiently reliable  
13 basis to depart from the prime rate, the Court awards Open Text prejudgment interest at the prime  
14 rate, compounded annually. The Court also awards post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §  
15 1961, which is fixed by statute at "the weekly average 1-year constant maturity Treasury yield, as  
16 published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, for the calendar week  
17 preceding." 28 U.S.C. § 1961.

18 **CONCLUSION**

19 Defendants' renewed motion for judgment as a matter of law that Carahsoft does not  
20 infringe the asserted patents is granted, and their remaining Rule 50(b) motions are denied. The  
21 Court finds that Open Text is the prevailing party, but that each side should nevertheless bear its  
22 own costs. Open Text will be awarded prejudgment interest at the prime rate. The clerk is  
23 directed to sign and enter judgment.

24 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

25 Dated: August 19, 2015

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JAMES DONATO  
United States District Judge